

The American Guild of Organists

Cleveland Chapter

June 2008

FROM THE DEAN **SILKEN THREADS**

Well, you missed it! Those of you who did attend our annual dinner meeting at Lakewood Presbyterian know what I mean. Those of you who chose not to come – well, let's just say it was a great time! Marcia Snavelly and her committee of Carmen Massaro and, especially in this case, Ginny Roedig, deserve kudos for giving us another wonderful year of programs, education and just plain fun!

As you may know, we were unable to hold this meeting at our original venue, Fairmount Presbyterian, because their new Ruggles organ was not going to be finished in time for us to enjoy it. Peg Limkemann who is as gracious as she is musical, came to our rescue and we were able to see her church's new addition and enjoy their Ruggles organ in their newly renovated chapel. She and Don Shultzaberger worked for several years on their surroundings and deserve our thanks and praise. Peg began by introducing another of our members, Tim Henry, who discussed the workings of a tracker organ. Then Peg along with a young violinist and a woman who played two different flutes, gave a chamber music recital which charmed us. She finished by playing a duet by Michael Burkhardt with Don Shultzaberger. After a tour, we had a sumptuous dinner and then a meeting.

The dinner was wonderful! Chicken, pasta, potatoes, vegetables and the best salad I've ever seen at a catered event. Their desserts were to die for. Chocolate truffles, little tartlets filled with pastry crème and topped with sliced kiwi/assorted fruits and other delectable items.

Our dinner meeting consisted of announcing and installing our new officers and Executive Board members, reports from several standing committees (Scholarship which just occurred a week before) and

a surprise. Well, actually two surprises. I was awarded a Past Dean's pin and given a beautiful plant for our new deck. It looks great there. Thank you so much.

AND – Todd Wilson was our invited guest. It was the wish of our Executive Board that we bestow on him an AGO Life Membership. Dave Powers and Jim Buncher provided a smile in that they had a LARGE card which we all signed along with several of Todd's students. They read aloud some e-mails which included reminiscences of "memorable instances" working with and for Todd. Todd has accepted a Full Professorship at the University of Indiana and will be leaving the Church of the Covenant in July. After adjournment, members came up to wish Todd well and Godspeed. There will be a few bars of rest in our area's music with his departure. That gaping hole will be hard to fill but we do offer him our congratulations and pray God will shower him with blessings.

Grace and Peace,
Michon (Missy) Koch

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

TBA August ?

Home of Marcia Snavelly and Greg Polyak

138 Southwyck Dr.

Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

(440) 338-6606

Next Chapter Meeting:

Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Picnic at Juanita & Dick Schubert's

1329 Mattingly Rd.

Hinckley, Ohio 44233

(330) - 278-2298

Watch the newsletter for details.

STOP!

Before reading any further, **YOU NEED TO VOTE!** Our own Webmaster and former Dean, Timothy Robson is running for AGO Councillor, Region V. There is a ballot in the April TAO, page 56 (his picture and bio are on page 59), or preferably, you can vote online at www.agohq.org (Go to the AGO national web site at <http://agohq.org>. Right smack in the middle of the screen, there is a "Vote in the National Election" button. Click on that..) You will need to know your membership identification number, which can be found immediately above your name on the TAO mailing label. All ballots must be submitted electronically by June 1 or returned by mail postmarked by June 1. Results of the election will be announced and the new National Council installed at the Annual Meeting of the AGO on June 25, 2008 during the AGO National Convention in Minneapolis. We want Tim to win, so VOTE NOW!!

PROGRAMS, PAST and FUTURE

As we wind up our '07-'08 season, it is time to say an enormous thank you to the many people who helped make it a success. Foremost are the two members of the Program committee, Carmen Massaro and Ginny Roedig, who each took responsibility for several of the events. What a magnificent team! Then there is Dean Missy Koch and the Executive Committee, whose support is vital and necessary to the programming. Also included is our publicity team of Linda Gardner, Newsletter; Don Jackson, Publicity; and Tim Robson, Webmaster.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the hosts of our varied concerts and meetings: Ginny Roedig, Greg Heislman, Jeff Acker, Carmen Massaro, Todd Wilson, James Riggs, Peg Limkemann and Don Shultzaberger.

And finally, a large thank you to all of you who attended and participated in the programs. It takes all of you to make events happen.

The Program Committee met in late February to discuss next year's programs. The following have been suggested and approved by the Executive

Committee. Some events are still being discussed, so they will be added to the schedule as details develop. A finalized schedule should be available by early September. Following is the tentative Program List. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

PROGRAM FOR '08-'09:

Sept. 14, 2008 Picnic at Juanita Schubert's. Come see her beautiful house and organ. We will have a hymn sing-along (Let us know your favorite hymns) and hear a report from our University School student who documented Cleveland area organs for his Senior Project.

Oct. 19, 2008 is the big **organ spectacular** celebration. Karel Paukert has graciously offered to host this at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Hts. It will probably be an all- afternoon affair ending with an Evensong Service. All of us should plan to celebrate the organ in some way all of the month of October, but especially on Oct. 19. We hope to list all these special events in the Newsletter.

Jan.-Feb. 2009 Several programs are under consideration.

March 2009 Sing-along of a major work (i.e. Mozart Requiem, Brahms Requiem, etc.) with a prominent conductor. The conductor will select the piece and the accompanist. Location is tbd.

May 3, 2009—Annual Meeting at Fairmount Presbyterian, Bob Moncrief, host. This would be the meeting postponed from May '08 which would include a concert on the new Ruggles organ.

THANKS AGAIN for all your help and support during the past two years when I have been Program Chair. Best of luck to the '08-'09 program committee of Carmen Massaro, Ginny Roedig, and Missy Koch and the chairman, Robert Day. I know they will do a super job!

Marcia Snavely, Program Chair

The Choir of St. John the Evangelist Wins First WCLV/UCC Church Choir Challenge

On Friday, May 9th, and Saturday, May 10th, the first Jubilation, WCLV/United Church of Christ Church Choir Challenge took place at Pilgrim Congregational UCC Church in Tremont. The broadcast was divided into two parts, three choirs on Friday, three on Saturday. Winning the First Prize of \$1000 and a trophy was the Choir of St. John the Evangelist, Greg Heislman, director; Christopher Toth, accompanist.

The other five finalists, which were not ranked, each received \$500 and a commemorative plaque. They were Epworth-Euclid United Methodist Church, Old Stone Church, The First Church UCC Oberlin, the Ensemble from the Federated Church of Chagrin Falls and Christ Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, Canton.

The two live broadcasts on WCLV were hosted by a voice familiar to many listeners, Lloyd Newell, announcer for the national broadcasts of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

The six finalist choirs were chosen from a field of 27 entrants.

The selections performed by the Choir of St. John included:

Cantate Domino (Monteverdi)
Erstanden ist der Herre Christ (Scheidt)
This Little Light of Mine (Moses Hogan)
In Monte Oliveti (Ralph Buxton)
Benedictus, from Missa Cellensis (Haydn)
Veni Sancte Spiritus/ O Lux Beatis (Howard Helvey)
O Clap Your Hands (John Rutter)
The Majesty & Glory of Your Name (Linda Johnson/ Tom Fettke)

The judges were:

Dr. Grant Cook, III – Associate Professor of Voice and Chorus at Heidelberg University
Dr. Catherine Jarjisian, Dean of the Cleveland Institute of Music
Dr. William Weinert, Professor of Conducting and Ensembles, Director, Choral Activities,

Eastman School of Music

The goal of this competition was excellence in choral singing and diversity in styles. Choirs were judged on their expression, accuracy, technical ability, musicality and work as an ensemble.

Congratulations to all the participating choirs. Special congratulations to Greg, Chris, and the Choir of St. John. The Choir has several CD's available; they can be viewed at: <http://saintjohnncathedral.com/Pages/FrameCTW.html> Their newest CD will be released this coming September 2008: *Mysteria Rosarii*; 20 choral reflections on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

NEW STANDING CHAIRMAN

It is my pleasure to announce that Jim Buncher has accepted the Standing Committee Chair for Historian/Archives. Please send your programs or announcements to him so that he can include them in our records.

We are very grateful for Jim for accepting this position and offer him our full support and encouragement.

Best wishes,
Missy Koch, Dean

PLEASE NOTE: Please send all job postings to: **Gerry Mass**, (440)884-4904, **Fax:** (440)-884-1661. **e-mail:** gerry@gerardskeyboards.com.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Church of the Advent (Episcopal). Located in Westlake. One Sunday service; Thursday evening choir rehearsal. \$100. per week (negotiable). Interested persons should contact Fr. Joe Maiocco at (440) 871-6685.

CHOIR DIRECTOR: North Royalton United, Methodist Church, 13601 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133, (440)-237-7663. Seventeen hours a week; potential to work with the Bell Choir in this position. Salary: \$5,000. per year (negotiable). For further information please contact the Church at the phone no. listed above, or via e-mail to William Hartmann at wph3@roadrunner.com.

ORGANIST/KEYBOARDIST: Seven Hills United Methodist Church 7593 Elmhurst Dr., Seven Hills, OH 44131, (216) 524-1336. Sunday service at 10 a.m.; weekly choir rehearsal. Salary: \$90 per week. For further information, please contact Church Secretary Judy Perry at the church office no. above, or via e-mail at sevenhillsumc@cox.net.

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Lakewood Baptist Church, 14321 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107. Accompanist needed for congregation and choir. Average six hours per week. One Sunday service and Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Church experience essential. Salary: \$5,000 per year, plus extra compensation for weddings and special events. Interested persons should send resume/ references to LBC Pastor at the Church address above.

ORGANIST: Solon Community Church, 33955 Sherbrook Park Dr., Solon, OH 44139, (440) 248-4180. Part-time organist for Sunday and Holiday worship and choir rehearsals. Salary: \$7,000 per year. For more information, please call Gloria Herr at the church phone number listed above.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, ORGANIST, AND YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 23114 West Rd., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138, (440) 234-0150. Opening(s) for this (these) positions to begin mid-August, 2008. Part-time position(s). The Director of Music directs choirs and coordinates music for worship. Organist will lead congregational singing, accompany the choirs and soloists, and perform for weddings, funerals. Ruggles pipe organ. Youth Choir Director is required to work with children and

direct the choir. These may be three separate positions, or combined into a one-person or two-person position(s). Salary for a combined one-person position is \$15-16,000 per year. Resumes may be sent to Don Berkey at the church address above, or via e-mail to dbetts@bw.edu.

ORGANIST AND/OR BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH 44145. Organist and/or Bell Choir Director beginning June 2, 2008. Wicks pipe organ (with MIDI). Salary: \$9,000 (negotiable) for one person serving as Organist and Bell Choir Director. Interested persons should contact Carol Peddie, Director of Music, at 440-864-4855, or fax resume and references to 440-331-2897.

REMINDER: The deadline for submitting articles to the newsletter is **midnight on the 15th** of every month. All articles should be sent to: newsletter@agocleveland.org

CONCERTS: For complete listings, see our website: . All concerts are free unless otherwise noted. www.agocleveland.org

Wednesdays: Music Near the Market at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, West 30th St. at Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: (216)-321-1393. Featuring the world-famous von Beckerath organ. **FREE** concerts **AT NOON** on Wednesdays.

June 4 & 11: *Florence Mustric* presents "Touch and Go," including music by Peeter Suda and J.S. Bach.

June 18 & 25: *Robert Myers* performs selections from Bach's Clavieruebung III," including the Fugue in E-flat major, the "St. Anne."

July 2 & 9: *Florence Mustric* performs "Playfully yours," including music by Maurice Duruflé and Robert Elmore.

July 16: *Linda Kempke* performs music by Bach, Michel, Kunkel, and Preston.

July 23 & 30: *Robert Myers* performs more selections from Bach's Clavieruebung III, including the Prelude and Fugue in C major.

Sunday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m.: Mayfield United Methodist Church, 7747 Mayfield Road at Caves in Chesterland, 440-729-4006 The *Kings Brass* in concert. This is a nationally touring brass group with a stunning program of a wide variety of musical styles. Free. More info at www.kingsbrass.org

EXCITEMENT BUILDS AS OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN APPROACHES

2008–2009 International Year of the Organ to Be Inaugurated at the AGO National Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., June 22–26, 2008

More than 200 Organ Spectacular Concerts Worldwide on Sunday, October 19, 2008 Will Celebrate the King of Instruments

NEW YORK CITY—The American Guild of Organists (AGO) has designated 2008–2009 as the International Year of the Organ (IYO) and is partnering with organizations worldwide to celebrate the King of Instruments. The celebration will commence with the AGO National Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., June 22–26, 2008, and will conclude with the AGO Regional Conventions in the summer of 2009. Major support for the International Year of the Organ is provided by Platinum level sponsor Kuhn Orgelbau; Gold level sponsors Reuter Organ Co., Rodgers Instruments, and Walker Technical Co.; and Silver level sponsor Schantz Organ Co.

More than two hundred Organ Spectacular (OS) concerts are planned on Sunday, October 19, 2008. The award winning Ornament of Grace by Bernard Sanders for organ and C instrument, and Stephen Paulus's Blithely Breezing Along for organ, commissioned by David and Cindy Vogels, will be featured works on Organ Spectacular concerts. These concerts will be presented by the AGO's local chapters throughout the U.S. and abroad, as well as by partner organizations including: American Public Media's Pipedreams, the American Theater Organ Society, Organ Historical Society, and Royal Canadian College of Organists. Separately, the governors of Michigan, Montana, Nebraska and Wisconsin have each issued official proclamations

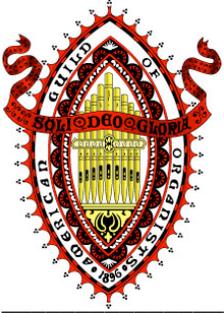
declaring that their states will be honoring the organ during this IYO celebratory year.

All AGO chapters and other organizations producing concerts during the IYO are encouraged to submit a complimentary listing of their events on the AGO Web site. This official list of IYO/OS activities will be constantly updated and will be published in the October issue of The American Organist Magazine.

AGO chapters, independent concert organizers, organbuilders, academicians, and others hosting IYO/OS events are invited to adapt for their own use any of the one dozen IYO/OS logo designs available for downloading from the AGO's Web site.

To provide further support for the IYO and OS, the AGO is developing a comprehensive Media Relations Handbook specially designed for AGO Chapters. The Handbook is being produced in cooperation with the Phelps Group, an award-winning international public relations firm. The publication will be available at the IYO/OS booth at the 2008 AGO National Convention and will be discussed in depth during a convention workshop sponsored by the AGO Committee on Professional Networking and Public Relations. The text and model forms will also be available online at the AGO's Web site.

Complete information regarding the International Year of the Organ and Organ Spectacular is available online at www.agohq.org/os. For information about corporate sponsorships, please contact AGO Executive Director James Thomashower, 212-870-2311 (ext. 4300) or e-mail jet@agohq.org. For general information and inquiries about program listings, please contact IYO/OS Project Coordinator Harold Calhoun, 212-870-2311 (ext. 4318) or e-mail os@agohq.org.



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